



LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM- 08:30 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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Attendees: Commissioners Lisa Krinsky, Co-chair; Andy Robinson, Co-chair;

Helene Newberg, Brooks Harrelson, Julia Forysthe, Molly Gillis, Kari Sasportas, Susan Ryan-Vollmar

Liaisons: Marci Shapiro-Ide, COA; Rob Lorino, Library; Christina Coleman, DEI; Jill Harvey, DEI; Lenn Diggins Select Board; Julie Flaherty, APD

Absent : Keith March-Mistler

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

1. Remote participation statement and guidelines read by AR and LK.
2. Welcome and introductions (include your pronouns if you want to)
3. Assign minute-taker – SRV volunteered to take minutes
4. Consent Agenda - HN motioned to approve; BH seconded, motion approved.
5. Liaison Updates
 - a. Council on Aging- Tuesday Zoom Drop In continues - plan to meet outdoors monthly starting June 15th; Drag Bingo via Zoom 6/18 7-9pm.
 - b. Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI): upcoming community conversations throughout the Summer

- c. Library - Hosting screening of Disclosure on 6/22.
- d. Police Department - Chief Flaherty has distributed final version of policy for engaging transgender/gender diverse community; Requested Rainbow Commission endorse Active Bystander for Law Enforcement training. Chief Flaherty will provide details for Commission to discuss at June meeting.
- e. Select Board - 80% of Town Meeting endorsed Domestic Partnership for two or more in Arlington.

6. Working Group Updates and Membership

- a. Community Engagement & upcoming events (other than Pride):no updates
- b. Communications - Press Release to distribute for Boston Pride boycott; Sending June/Pride newsletter listing all events
- c. Public Education - Assistant Superintendent MacNeal is convening a Task Force on LGBTQIA+ issues in Arlington Public School system: MG and KMM are participating.
- d. Town Systems & Policies - HRC Municipal Equality Index reporting due end of July. Last year we had 92 regular points/8 bonus points for 100 score. This year workgroup is meeting to review areas of improvement in the 8 regular points and strategy to implement changes.

7. PRIDE - Events/Planning/Updates

- a. Select Board endorsed Proclamation at 5/19/21 meeting.
- b. Select Board approved Crosswalk Chalk Painting at 5/19/21 meeting for Wednesday, June 9th or Thursday, June 10th (rain date) at 8pm. Crosswalk Chalk Painting will take place on Mass Ave and Rte. 60. Rainbow flag and Trans flag colors across Mass Ave. Outreach to GSA and community to join us. Chief Flaherty offered APD support for redirecting traffic.
- c. Rainbow Commission Pride Banners will be installed in Arlington Center after June 5th (AHS graduation date – when the high school graduates' banners come down).
- d. Arlington Rainbow Pride Celebration: Sun June 13th 1:30-3:30 at Senior Center; reconsider at Uncle Sam Park if able to gather outdoors.
- e. (co)sponsored events: 6/12 Starlight Square Pride event (Cambridge LGBT Commission); 6/18 Drag Bingo with COA;
- f. Commission Member and Volunteer assignments - everyone encouraged to participate fully
 - g. Timelines for purchases - Review of Pride swag purchases and processing with DEI staff support.

8. Public Engagement and Open Commentary - No comments

8:08 pm SRV motioned to adjourn meeting; BH seconded, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: June 17, 2021, 6:30 pm, Remote Participation

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